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Friday, January 11,1952.

Henry Morgenthau came to see me this morning. He is disturbed over the prospect of Germany being built up to a point where it will again dominate France. I explained to him at length what the European Army Defense Force Conference hoped to accomplish, and how the eventual federal union of Europe would be calculated to hold any aggressive intentions in check.

Messrs. Hallaby and Lewis, [redacted] connected with the Production and Procurement program, the first representing the Department of State and the second [redacted] an OSR representative, came to see me this morning.

Messrs. Lombardo and Cavaletti of the EDF Italian Delegation had lunch with me, as did Tommy. They think [redacted] an agreement on the EDF will shortly be reached, provided [redacted] van Zeeland shows himself more reasonable than he has been to date. The Italians are determined to have a federal union in Western Europe.

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Preston Grover called on me this afternoon, and afterwards Mr. de Borchgrave of Newsweek. They wished to speculate over the composition of a new French Government. Messrs. Pineau, Reynaud, Soustelle and Bidault have already said they could not form a government, and to-day President Auriol has called Edgar Faure, to see what he can accomplish. There is as yet no way to forecast what will transpire. If there is to be another centrist government, and there is Socialist representation in it, the RPF will of course not be members. If the RPF should form part of a coalition government - which I do not believe will happen at the present juncture - the Socialists would go into opposition. If everyone else fails in an attempt to constitute a new government, I think M. Queuille will be called in, and if he does not succeed M. Pleven may take another crack at it. Meanwhile the prestige of France suffers.

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Jacques Rueff came to see me this afternoon to ask me

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to try to persuade General Eisenhower to appear at the Institut de France for induction as a member of the Académie des Sciences Morales et Politiques. He had been selected to fill the vacancy caused by General Pershing's death.

Eric Gibberd, a painter from Cincinnati with whom I have ~~many~~ mutual friends, came to see me. He has been living and working for some months at Avignon. He will have a show in Paris this spring.

I paid a visit to the Visa Section of the Embassy at the Astoria, and made a short speech to the employees, who have just been moved there from the Avenue Gabriel Embassy building. They will have ample quarters in their new offices.

General de Lattre died this afternoon, and arrangements will be made to give him a State funeral. It is a great loss.

We dined with Sir Gladwyn and ~~Lady Jebb at 21, Square~~ du Bois de Boulogne -- Harriet Aldrich's house. The others were the Duff Coopers, Violet Brefusus, Nancy Rodd, whose book ~~"The Blessing"~~ has had a great success, Gaston Palewski, and Jacqueline Pahenotre. I had ~~some~~ talks with both Gaston and Jacqueline separately about politics.

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